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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ALMIRANTE, Mr ROMUALDI,
Mr BUTTAFUOCO and Mr PETRONIO

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the bankruptcy of the Lauro shipping company,
Naples

The European Parliament,

- A. concerned for the jobs of the 1,700 employees of the Lauro shipping company, which has been put into liquidation,
- B. whereas these employees have received no pay for 11 months and are at present without unemployment benefit,
- C. whereas a fleet of 26 ships, consisting of passenger liners and merchant vessels, is to be divided up and sold off at prices which do not correspond to its true value, thus opening the way for massive speculation at the expense of the workers of the Lauro shipping company,
- D. whereas such speculation is made all the more likely by the extreme profitability of the Lauro company's routes, which will arouse the interest of competing companies,
- E. whereas, in order to take over the Lauro company's routes, these competing companies are also resorting to political manoeuvres in an attempt to prevent a solution to the present crisis,
- F. whereas the receiver appointed by the government is directing the bankruptcy operation from Rome and Livorno rather than from Naples,

1. Requests:

- (a) that support should be given to the request of the employees of the Lauro shipping company that its debts be written off with their arrears of salary, which the Italian government has undertaken to pay, and with the equivalent of the unemployment benefits to which they would have been entitled,
- (b) that the remainder of the 50,000 million lire, the estimated value of the fleet, should be made up by the Italian government and the responsible Community bodies;

- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.